(b) There is no denial of orders by the Government and the orders are being placed as per the plan objectives. However, it may be mentioned that, probably the total manufacturing capacity is more than the demand.

(c) No, Sir.

Resources for basic Telephone services

879. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basic telcom services in the country;

(b) what is the projected resource requirements to fulfil the 8th Plan targets of providing basic telecom services to the Indian People;

(c) what is the projected shortfall in meeting such resources requirtment through the budgetary support;

(d) whether the alternative of floating issues in the market is being considered by Government to meet these requirements;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Following are generally considered as basic telecom services:

(i) Telephone Service: Local and Long Distance

(ii) Telegraph Service

(iii) Telex Service

(iv) Switched Data Communication (Real Time)

(v) Leased Line Service.

(b) The projected resource requirement is Rs. 40,455 crores.

(c) The approved 8th Plan outlay is Rs. 23,946 crores. At the mid-term review stage, this has been proposed to be raised to Rs. 33,733 crores. The balance is planned to be funded through alternative modes of financing, like leasing etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise

(f) Being a Government Department it cannot float public issues in the market.

Tariff structure for telecom service

880. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the tariff structure for different telecom services provided in the different countries of the European Union, East Asia and Pacific countries, USA, Japan and some other notable developing countries where the giant telecom MNCs are offering services enjoying a monopoly status; and

(b) what are the implications of these tariff structure in our future tariff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):(a) and (b) The information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Awarding of Telephone Lines tenders

881. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be plased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DOT has finally awarded 1.7 million tele